



The Windsock

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Push To Talk

by **Sue Ballew, Chapter Chair**

Our chapter survived another holiday season with a festive party at The Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. Thanks to Betty Bucci who did a great job with the entree selections, gift exchange, and a good turnout.

It's been a crazy 3 months with COVID and Shelter in Place, protests, and riots. What's next? Nobody knows but with the world situation, anything seems possible.

We held our Section Meeting "Women of Vision, 2020" online via zoom on May 2nd. It was good to see all who showed up. I think we had about 115 in attendance. Not bad considering.

Our chapter has held two general/business meetings via zoom as well. For all of you that have timing or geographical issues complicating attending in person, this is a great opportunity for you to participate right in your own home.

Most of the 99s events for the rest of the year have either been scheduled for a zoom meeting, put on hold, or cancelled altogether.

The flying clubs on the Peninsula have partially re-opened for flying on various dates. Back on March 23rd West Valley Flying Club resumed single use flying only – just the pilot. Then gradually another person from the same household was allowed to be a passenger. At the end of May dual instruction was resumed.

My BFR was due at the end of May so I did my first flight in 11 weeks – the longest period I have not flown in 13 years at the club. My mind had been elsewhere during that period (working on other things), so I took a few minutes to think about procedures before actually doing the flight. I forgot two things – a frequency at another airport – how is that possible? and one function on the G1000 – that I fairly quickly remembered. So, if I can forget a couple of things in only 11 weeks, imagine what the typical pilot who flies once or twice a month or less might forget. The moral of the story: if you have

not flown for a while, even two weeks or a month, spend some time reviewing your procedures before you get to the airport. It will give you confidence and allow you to focus on, of all things, basic aircraft management and flying.

Prior to resuming flying I was freaking out about being in the small, confined space of a Cessna with multiple clients while the whole COVID thing was going on. I came up with a questionnaire for all of my clients asking about activities during Shelter in Place, social distancing, contact with people outside of family members, exposure to people with symptoms, etc. What was surprising is most of my clients were very appreciative of my concern and eager to discuss their activities, and mine. In addition, I reserved 15 – 20 minutes before our first lesson to discuss this in person. Most of my clients are very careful and responsible people and I was comfortable resuming their lessons, but I had one, (very nice young guy) who had multiple contacts with relatives, friends, etc. I chose not to fly with him. His last 3 weeks were fairly isolating so instead I asked him to get a test. If the results come back negative, I agreed to fly with him.

At the present time at West Valley we are required to wear masks at all times, (of course I would anyway) and only 4 people are allowed in the clubs at any given time, and only on the simulators. Most have observed this, but there are always a few who don't pay attention to announcements and signs. With the crazy heat in the 90s for the last 4 weeks, flying with a mask for more than one lesson has been really challenging, especially when I am doing lots of talking. And, to be super safe I have been using an N95 mask which does not allow for much ventilation. The good news is I have much more comfortable masks with very good protection on order, hopefully arriving soon.



Masks of All Kinds

As restrictions are lifting and complacency sets in, (while cases are increasing and spiking) I will have to be even more diligent about who I choose to fly with. It's interesting and the parallels are similar: 9/11 greatly impacted my professional flying for the airlines, and now COVID is greatly impacting my flight instruction career.

For those of you who continued to work at home during SIP, you are fortunate. For those that are slowly returning to work outside of the home and everyone else, stay safe, explore new things to spark your imagination, and look forward to the future with new possibilities.

Sue Ballew
Chapter Chair

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Our fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. The **2019-2020** chapter contributions are being accepted, \$15 per year. Please indicate the year(s) for which you are contributing. An asterisk by your name confirms your contribution for the following year(s) as well.

The following list is current as of October 23, 2019. Make check out to SCV99s, and email our Treasurer, Brittany Sabol, for mailing address:

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Spring 2020 Section Meeting Report

99s Spring Southwest Section 2020 meeting: a changed format!

Our committee worked hard to get set up for the meeting to be held at Los Gatos Lodge, but alas, Covid-19 intervened. Fortunately we were able to retrieve our deposit with the Lodge and the various committee chairs were able to cancel or return items they'd arranged with the exception of Sue Ballew who had gotten many donations for the Silent Auction. Those items will be added to others for a future meeting so all is not lost there. Brittany was able to send refunds to the 99s who had sent in registration checks and PayPal returned the credit card registration fees so all we were out financially was for postage and the PayPal charge for using their services.

The Business meeting was held online, thanks to Pat Gregory setting it up by Zoom. It went very well and was well attended, including several 99s who do not usually attend. See the Southwest Section website for the meeting report. Pat was also able to get the Section Board together for a debrief and introduction of the new SWS Board. They are: Governor – Pat Chan, Vice Governor – Dea Payette, Secretary – Karen Hausteen, Treasurer – Irene Engard, Directors: Jennifer Perdigao and Carol Munch, Nominating Committee Chair – Sunny Gibbons, other Nominating Committee members: Pat Gregory, Kathy Walton, Andrea Garcia, Nobli Buntin.

The next SWSection meeting will be held by Zoom on September 12.

My sincere thanks to Pat Gregory, Brittany Sabol, Penny Blake, Leslie Ingham, Sue Ballew, Marjorie Johnson, Jan Fey, Judy Stark, Debby Cunningham, Mary McEnroe and Marcie Smith for all the time and effort they expended on the meeting which was ultimately cancelled. We learned that we can be very flexible!

Carol Munch

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Pine Mountain Lake Fly-in Report

by [Debby Cunningham](#), [Photos Carol Munch](#)



We had Way back in February when it looked like spring had sprung, 6 SCV 99s joined at least 5 other chapters for a flyin to PML. Betsy, Leslie, Laura, Debby, Penny and Carol made the trip.



Lynne and Ken Orloff hosted it in their lovely home and hanger which is right on the airport.

There were at least 40 people in attendance for the Saturday night homemade lasagna dinner with many yummy sides and desserts. We were then treated to a movie and popcorn. There were lots of new friendships made! Sunday morning Mike Sandling 49 ½ of Paula from San Fernando Valley treated everyone to his famous waffles. Again, everything was delicious and abundant.



Some of us were chauffeured around the airport in golf carts to learn about who lived at the airport and some of its history, very interesting and beautiful because so much was starting to bloom.

The Orloff's hospitality is superb and everyone had a great time hearing many flying stories and other fun topics. Good memories, lots of laughs and new friendships-can't beat that!!



Announcement of FlyNow Award Winner

by **Debby Cunningham**

Congratulations to Maki Honda!! She is a recipient of a Fly Now Award from the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Maki joined our chapter in December 2019, you may have met her at the Christmas party. She had 18 hours when she joined and was flying out of Aerodynamic Aviation at RHV. Her goals are to continue with IFR, Commercial and CFI.

She will be taking care of the much-neglected trophy case at RHV once the shelter in place is lifted. Hopefully you will all meet this lively addition to our chapter and congratulate her in person.

Virtual Aviation Events During Shelter-in-Place

Both the Air Race Classic and EAA AirVenture were cancelled this year due to COVID-19. 😞 However, you can still participate in these two events virtually! 😊

The Air Race Classic has planned a week of virtual events June 21 - June 28, 2020.

From the ARC newsletter: *The Air Race Classic for 2020 was canceled but the thirst for racing and reuniting with our sister aviators still goes on. To mark the third week in June we plan a week of virtual aviation events and broadcasts. Remember the best of times and the adventure of doing the Air Race Classic. Details will be posted on <https://www.airraceclassic.org/virtual-2020-race-days.htm> and in our social media accounts of Facebook, Facebook Live, Twitter, and Instagram.*

From EAA: *The Environmental Aircraft Association is showcasing the whole spectrum of flight this summer in a virtual way, as Spirit of Aviation Week on July 21-25, 2020 will celebrate the entire aviation community. EAAtogether.org will be the exclusive home of the entire five-day event.*

You can still participate in the annual Women Venture photo. Please join EAA in our virtual group photo for 2020! It's easy — simply send us a photo of yourself celebrating your favorite aviation movement, and we'll make a collage of all the photos we receive.

Don't delay — the deadline to submit photos is July 1, 2020.



https://eaatogether.org/womenventurephoto?mkt_tok=eyJpIjoiTIRWak9EVmINVFZoTIRFNClInQiOiJjb045anYzNE0zV1hDaUFSQVYzUXI5Tm5cL1d5NGlzMkpudVB0emVFSXhjUjFhQWhTeVA2T3RSa0JcL1ZaZlJLQXh6Z0VuRG9aWHdYK2I1aFFqcZlQOFNoeEtFTU5xdHdBOEtUWdN4QVdLWlZJS0JSYlBsQWVlL3JmazVcl3FGc1FkMCI9

Note from the Editor: Below are a few stories shared by chapter member. I want to thank them for sharing what they have been doing to stay connected to aviation during the shelter-in-place order.

by Ashley Carroll

April 14, 2020 – While not being allowed to instruct is a bummer, I wouldn't have time to anyway since daycare is also cancelled... I decided to take advantage of the time at home to potty train my ~20-month-old. So far, it's proving to be even more challenging than teaching someone to land an airplane. If only I was as patient with my toddler as I am with flight students!

As for what I'm doing to stay current + proficient, as soon as my club opened for solo currency / proficiency flights, I did a couple sim sessions (with Clorox wipes) to stay sharp and maximize IFR currency in case the club closes down completely again. I've also been joining some flying webinars.

In terms of getting in the air, that's been harder, but I did manage to do a few flights this past week. I had told my maintenance shop that I was happy to ferry any planes they needed dropped off for / picked up from maintenance (which is thankfully considered "essential"). Last Fri I flew for the first time in exactly four weeks. It was just taking a 172 down to SJC and a DA40 back, so not even an hour, but I'll take whatever I can! The stick and rudder was still there, but I was a little rusty with procedural stuff and radio calls. Speaking of radio calls, I heard Louise on a CAP flight transitioning through to RHV!



Then on Easter I had an opportunity to do a Pilots n Paws flight (also considered "essential"). I flew a 182 over to Fresno and back. It was cloudy in the Bay so an IFR departure and approach on the return (though I of course broke out just before the FAF). Regardless, I was glad to have done those recent sim sessions!

by Mary McEnroe

Aviation Distance Learning While Sheltering in Place – June 5, 2020

When the County of Santa Clara issued a Shelter in Place (SIP) order beginning March 17th due to COVID-19, no one anticipated that over two months later, we would still be sheltering in our homes. I shifted to working from home, but without the ability to visit friends and participate in events and activities in the evening and on weekends, I decided to utilize the time to take advantage of all the online FAA Safety classes and webinars being offered. In the first month of the SIP order, I participated in over 40 webinars on a variety of topics, including mountain flying, crosswind landings, aviation weather refreshers, etc.

I have been actively participating in the FAA Safety WINGS program since I was a student pilot and was excited to see so many in-person sessions turned into online options, which allowed for participation in events in other states. One such webinar was the Mountain Flying seminar put on by a 99s chapter in Colorado. The San Carlos Flight Center moved its program online and offers seminars every Wednesday and every Saturday. These are free to anyone while the SIP order is in place, and I have attended almost every class they've offered during this period. Some of the more interesting courses included planning a trip to Tucson and the airplane "boneyard", which I hope to do someday, as well as a crosswind landing course. Through this course, I learned they have a crosswind simulator and plan to book some time with a CFI in the SIM once the SIP order is lifted so I can perfect my crosswind landings.

In May, I enrolled in an intensive online boot camp-style IFR ground school to begin preparing for the FAA written exam. The course was 3.5 hours long, three evenings a week for four weeks. After passing an exam at the end of the course, I earned my endorsement to take the written exam. While I don't plan to take it anytime soon because I feel I have a lot more studying to do, this intensive course during the SIP order was the push I needed to take the first step toward my IFR rating.

by [Louise Mateos](#)

Staying Engaged with My Aviation Community in the COVID-19 Era – May 31, 2020

I know I'm probably like a lot of you in finding myself quarantined, working from home, and limiting trips outside the home resulting in a lot less flying over the last three months. But my aviation community is important to me—my only other community is work, which is now virtual. So how can I stay engaged, and change the way I'm engaged to help keep my community together, keep it going, and keep it growing and evolving? I've tried a few things, heard about some others, and am still looking for good ideas.



Here are some.

I've been involved with my local 99s chapter and my local Civil Air Patrol squadron. For the 99s, we've started to try using Zoom. It's not quite the same as getting together in person and we have had to cancel a number of fly outs. So, I think we are still looking for ideas. For the Civil Air Patrol, we have moved to all virtual weekly meetings. We still cover the same topics, but some of the activities don't lend themselves to a virtual environment (think cadet physical training, cadet aerospace hands-on activities,



cadet drill and ceremonies, etc.) We've seen participation drop off and we really miss flying our missions, exercises, and cadet orientation flights. Recruiting is also a challenge.

So what other things have I done??? I'm certainly looking at online resources a lot more—from webinars (EAA has some really good ones) to pursuing additional training to engaging with different communities through social media. With the cadets, we are sharing aerospace education online resources from a variety of organizations—some of the cadets are motivated to self-study. We've also had a virtual exercise where aircrew teams are jointly prosecuting missions such as ELT searches, visual searches, and aerial photography using connected simulators (lots of experimentation going on here). We are also talking about what else we can do in a virtual environment to celebrate the good work we do and recruit new members.

I've also looked into and signed up with more communities such as Angel Flight West, Aerobridge, and CalDART (Pilots and Paws is probably next). I'm hoping this will mean more reasons for flying in my future 😊

And, I still try and get my plane out and flying at least once a month.

Here are some resources I've found:

Facebook Groups:

- The Landline
- The Aviator's Lounge
- Lady Aviators
- Ask a Pilot/Air Traffic Controller
- The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
- Women of the Civil Air Patrol
- Cessna 182 Pilots
- Flights Above the Pacific Southwest

EAA and other Webinars:

- <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-webinars>
- Locally through West Valley Flying Club, San Carlos Flight Center, Tradewinds, and other clubs/schools

Other websites:

- FAASafety.gov
- FunPlacesToFly.com
- AOPA.org
- ASA2Fly.com
- Airfactsjournal.com
- Pilotworkshop.com



Some things I found through CAP:

- CAP National Headquarters new "Aerospace/STEM Resources For Home Education" page <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/aerospace-education/for-educators/aehome> has been announced and will be updated daily.
- Air Force Academy "AFA STEM Activity Round-Up" page <https://www.afa.org/publications-news/news/2020-03-17/stem-activity-round-up>
- Great Lakes CyberSecurity Academy. https://www.facebook.com/notes/civil-air-patrol-cyber-programs/online-cybersecurity-education-classes-great-lakes-cybersecurity-academy/1085723188450576/?_tn=H-R. This academy is geared toward hands-on cybersecurity topics. It is hosted by the Michigan Wing of Civil Air Patrol but is free for anyone to join
- Gleim Aviation announced a temporary program to give away free training and flight simulator licenses http://r.newsletter.gleim.com/mk/mr/qFvwr2PpQKb45-F-QFPVzNhrW5ICPO-zUwcDKlpmo_7aVLDE07UmoEhls69-nb5WYbW5gpbv7xQ-OxDI37AFX2xfDKTqnp6q61yIB_3cc2_Crkr7VA?fbclid=IwAR18tSpv3bQb5va_P3dN6svDhW71o7Hig9Ecpcvk39UiqXxMPCzowRDM488 Although the XPlane 11 licenses ran out, the training is still available (and Gleim is trying to get more licenses)



Scholarships

by **Debby Cunningham**

It's time to look ahead if you are considering applying for an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship or Fly Now Award. The AEMS is for any rating or Certificate after becoming a Private Pilot or an academic or technical scholarship in any aviation field. It is unique because you write your own scholarship according to your needs. Applications and instructions will available online by September 1, 2020.

The FlyNow Award is for student pilot 99s who are working on their initial certification in any aircraft and have been a member for at least 3 months and have at least 5 hours of dual instruction. It is set up to be paid out in 6 milestones as one progresses in learning to fly. They are awarded two times a year. The next deadline is October 1, 2020.

Any questions please direct to Debby Cunningham, chapter AE chair at debrunningham@aol.com

SCV99s 2020 Fly-in Schedule

Each month an announcement will be sent with updated details for that month.

This is the schedule of remaining 2020 Fly-ins. For now, all fly-ins are cancelled due to COVID-19.

Announcements will be made when we resume flying together.

Aug 22 – Santa Barbara

RSVP Pat Gregory plowers@pacbell.net

Sept 19 – Castle

RSVP Louise Mateos louise.mateos@sbcglobal.net

Oct 24 – Quincy

RSVP Laura Del Favero ladelfavero@gmail.com

Nov 14 – Solvang (KIZA)

Dec 12 – Half Moon Bay

RSVP Penny Blake pennyblake@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming SCV99s Meetings

In-person chapter meetings have temporarily been suspended due to COVID-19. For now, chapter meetings will be held via Zoom. An announcement with time, date, and link to join meeting will be sent each month vial email.

Upcoming 99s Conferences 2020

July 11, 2020: 2020 International Conference

The Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors decided to change the Annual Meeting to an online format. It will take place on the previously announced date and time, July 11, 2020, 8:30 AM PDT. Details concerning the online Annual Meeting will be provided to all members by the International Board.

Sep 12, 2020: Fall SWS meeting

Changed to an online format.



[The Windsock Information and Deadlines](#)

We need your articles and input!!

To our members, please give me your ideas and most of all...articles and photos for all to enjoy.

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Thank you,

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